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REMARKS

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1. On 8 February 1951, the MVD Kaserne on Viertelsweg, Leipzig (N 52/E 21), was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered green epaulets. No other service colors and only very few recruits were seen. A company of about 100 soldiers which left the installation consisted exclusively of privates first class and sergeants. Most of the squad leaders were senior sergeants. A captain, two senior lieutenants, and three lieutenants were observed with the company. The troops were shouldering their rifles and displayed excellent military bearing. Motor vehicles [redacted] occupied by a colonel, were seen in the billeting area. (1) 50X1-HUM
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2. The Flak Kaserne Heiterblick, was still occupied by 1,500 troops. Officers and NCO's observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Some of the troops wore artillery insignia and others, predominantly officers, wore tank insignia. Intensive training at squad level was observed at the drill field. Units of platoon and company strength practiced deploying movements. [redacted] the companies consisted of only two platoons, with only two squads to a platoon. Three T-43 tanks and one T-34 tank at the drill field practiced driving in formation with intermittent stops for firing. Upon reaching the objective, the tanks withdrew in leap-frog fashion to the jump-off position. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed. (2) 50X1-HUM
3. The Flak Kaserne in Schoenau still quartered 2,000 to 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Most of the soldiers were recruits. Advanced training activity was observed. Companies of 80 to 100 men left the installation, equipped with carbines, machine guns, submachine guns, and AT rifles. The AT rifles had an estimated caliber of 25 to 30 mm. Troops at the drill field practiced entrenching and development and deployment at the platoon and company level. It was again observed that the companies had only two platoons, with two squads to a platoon. The observation platform on top of a barracks building was again occupied by a guard. There was unusually little vehicular traffic. A truck observed was [redacted] occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. 50X1-HUM

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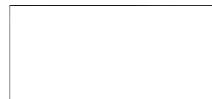
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4. The Hindenburg Kaserne quartered 300 to 500 troops, most of whom wore black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, and some wore red-bordered black epaulets, also without branch-of-service insignia. Soldiers occasionally seen at the installation wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Motor vehicle [redacted] occupied by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, was observed in the billeting area. (4) 50X1-HUM
5. The Train Kaserne on Gibrichtstrasse seemed to quarter an additional unit. The sentries and troops in the barracks yard included soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, observed there for the first time. Recruits observed at drill wore black-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, and [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets were seen in the billeting area. (5) 50X1-HUM
6. Soldiers observed at the Soviet hospital on Danziger Strasse wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, and black-bordered blue epaulets. Motor vehicles observed there included ambulances [redacted], motor vehicle [redacted] occupied by soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, ambulance [redacted] and passenger car [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Comments.

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- (1) The MVD Kaserne on Viertelweg which is also called Treitschke Kaserne or Bekleidungsamt (clothing depot) is still occupied by an MVD unit of regimental strength. [redacted] The motor vehicle [redacted] mentioned in the present report belonged to [redacted] the MVD unit. 50X1-HUM
- (2) Units in the Flak Kaserne, Heiterblick, include the 21st Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (3) [redacted] the Flak Kaserne, Schoenau, quarters component units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div in addition to headquarters units of the Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. [redacted] The unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div in the Flak Kaserne is probably an infantry unit. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] It may be the division's 69th Gds Mecz Regt which has not been identified in Halle since the end of 1949, whereas the division's 68th and 70th Gds Mecz Regts were confirmed in Halle until November 1950. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (4) The Hindenburg Kaserne houses the Soviet kommandatura. [redacted]
- (5) [redacted] the units in the Train Kaserne on Gibrichtstrasse are believed to include a GHQ signal unit of the GOFG. [redacted]

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